(ii) Procurement of Block Providing by Axle counters on A and B routes (total cost US$ 30 million)

(iii) Procurement of Stainless steel wagons with track friendly bogies (cost US$ 46 million)

(c) World Bank has not conveyed any approval for funding of the projects so far.

Introduction of unigauge in Railway

2723. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce uni-gauge in railway system;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents in metre gauge (MG) section is higher than broad gauge (BG) section;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of train accidents in the last five years, cause-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RALIWAYS (SHRI R.VELU):

Statement

Introduction of Unigauge in Railway

(a) Project Unigauge has been taken up for selected conversion of narrow gauge/Metre gauge lines into broad gauge.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Causes of total number of consequential train accidents during the last five years have been as under:

Sl.No.	Broad Cause	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05*
1.	Failure of Railway Staff	293	248	186	161	119
2.	Failure of other than Railway Staff	109	103	118	107	78
3.	Equipment Failure	33	24	18	18	14
4.	Sabotage	19	14	10	18	4
5.	Combination of Factors	4	—	2	2	1
6.	Incidental	11	20	15	17	16
7.	Not Established	4	5	2	2	2
8.	Under Investigation	—	1	—	—	—
	TOTAL	473	415	351	325	234

*Figures are provisional.

Generation of revenue by advertisements on rail tickets

2724. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has a proposal of allowing advertisements on rail tickets to generate revenue which can then be utilized for providing facilities to passengers;

(b) what is the total revenue that his Ministry is got through advertisement during the last 10 years, year-wise and zone-wise; and

(c) whether the revenue so generated will go into general pool of account or whether there is any other pool where all the money is collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Indian Railways generate some earnings through advertisements on various media including advertisement on rail tickets.

(b) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) The revenue so generated goes to general pool i.e. Consolidated Fund of India through Railway Earnings.